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The Way to Investigate.

Investigations into alleged abuses seem to be the order of the day at Washington and Harrisburg. At first blush it might seem as if Congress and our State Legislature were really in earnest in measures of reform, but the fact is that the Committees chosen are for the purpose of whitewashing the abuses complained of. The Committee to investigate the New York Custom House frauds was packed; that to examine into the sale of arms by our government to France does not contain the name of a single Senator who favored the investigation.

In our own State the Republicans have become alarmed at the frauds of their own party in Philadelphia, especially since the McClure-Gray Committee got to work. In order to shield themselves from the effect of the revelations now being daily made, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That it is alleged that frauds are perpetrated in general and special elections in the city of Philadelphia, by repeating and false counting, whereby the will of the citizens and qualified electors of said city is overruled and the rights violated by the return of persons elected to public offices of trust, profit and great responsibility, who have not been so elected.

And whereas, It is alleged that certain defects or provisions in the act entitled an act relative to elections and election officers of Philadelphia, furnish the opportunity for the said fraudulent voting, false counting and consequent evils entailed on the legal voters of the said city; therefore,

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In the Senate on Friday last, Mr. Billings reported from the Committee on Constitutional Reform, as committed, joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania authorizing the election of State Treasurer by the people. He called this bill up, and it passed finally by a unanimous vote on a call of the yeas and nays.

In the House, the Green-Short Contested Election Committee reported that Mr. Short, of Warren county, was entitled to his seat, he being the present member.

The Speaker announced the committee to investigate alleged election frauds in Philadelphia to consist of Messrs. Horritt, McClure, Mitchell of Tioga, Sanner, Albright, Joseph and Diller. The following bills were introduced: Mr. Vogdes, a supplement to the State Saving Fund; also, fixing the legal rate of interest at 7 per cent, also, authorizing corporations to declare dividends quarterly.

Nothing of general interest was done in the Senate on Monday. In the House Mr. Brockway introduced a bill creating a Board of Appeals of three Judges; one to be appointed by the Governor for five years; one for ten years and one to be elected for fifteen years.

Mr. Griffiths, a bill providing that when any building is erected, in part or whole, by contract, such building, and the land whereon it stands, shall be liable to the contractor alone for work done or materials furnished, provided the contract is recorded within fifteen days after execution.

In the Senate a large number of reports of local bills were made from Committees. In the House the best portion of the time was occupied in the first reading of bills on the private calendar.

On Wednesday last week, the United States Senate Chamber was again crowded to its utmost capacity to hear Mr. Sumner's reply to the attacks of the administration Senators on his French arms resolutions. In comment on Mr. Sumner's speech it has been remarked in Washington that Grant's friends are doing more injury to his cause by refusing investigation than he could possibly receive by allowing it to go ahead.

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